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SUMMARY

An unmanned lunar vehicle was launched from the Tyuratam Missile Test Range at about 1908Z on 22 November 1967. [redacted] the SL-12 launch system was employed and that the operation failed early in flight [redacted]

Although the launch time was compatible with several types of lunar missions, i.e., circumlunar, lander, or orbiter, other data appeared to narrow the possibilities to either a circumlunar or sample-return mission. Of the two, a circumlunar flight is believed to have been the more likely goal of the operation.

A similar operation was apparently cancelled [redacted] on 27 September, and generally similar ship deployment was observed around 25 October. The SL-12 launch system has been used twice previously (Cosmos 146 and 154) but this event marked its first appearance in a lunar role.

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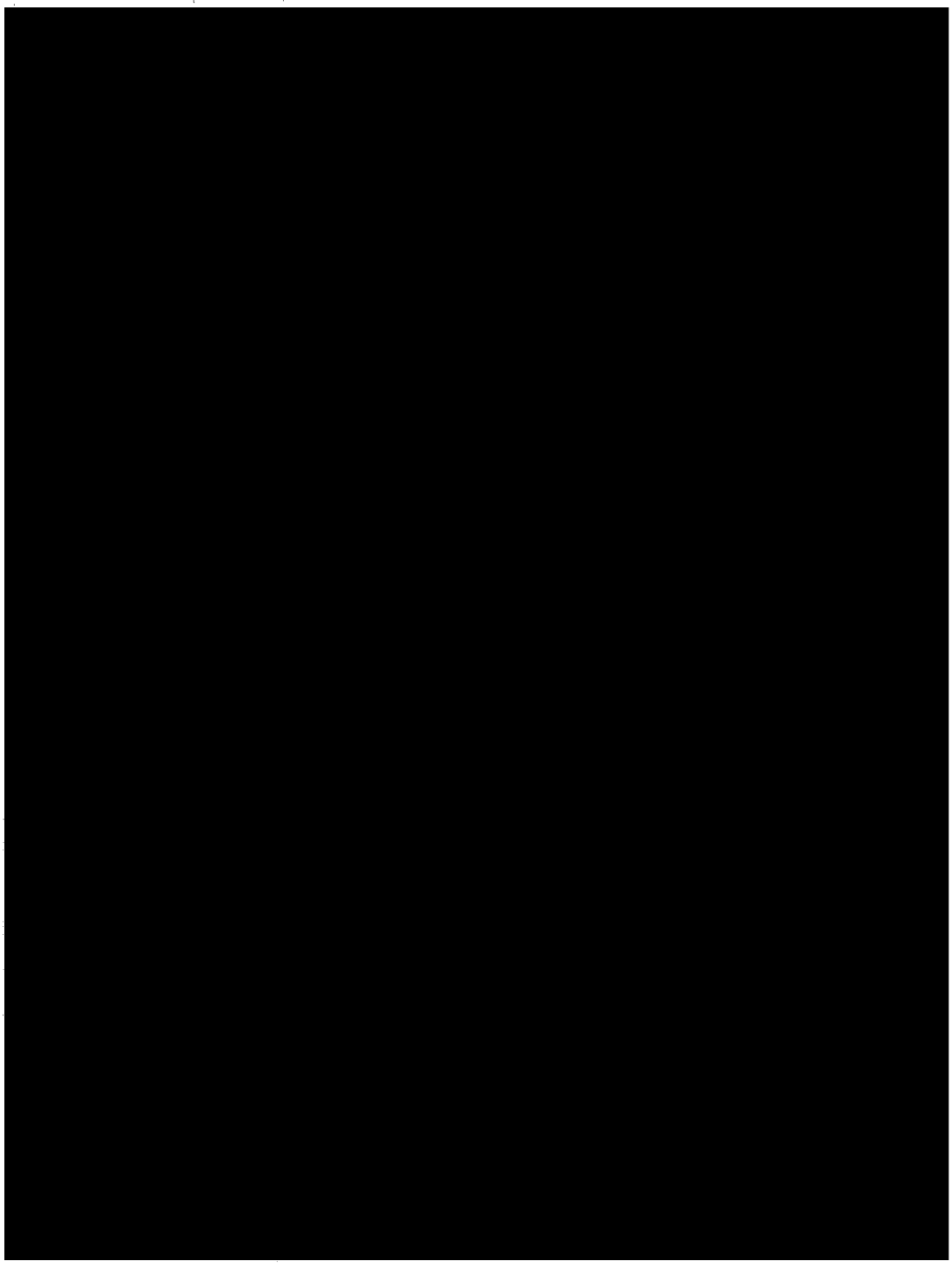

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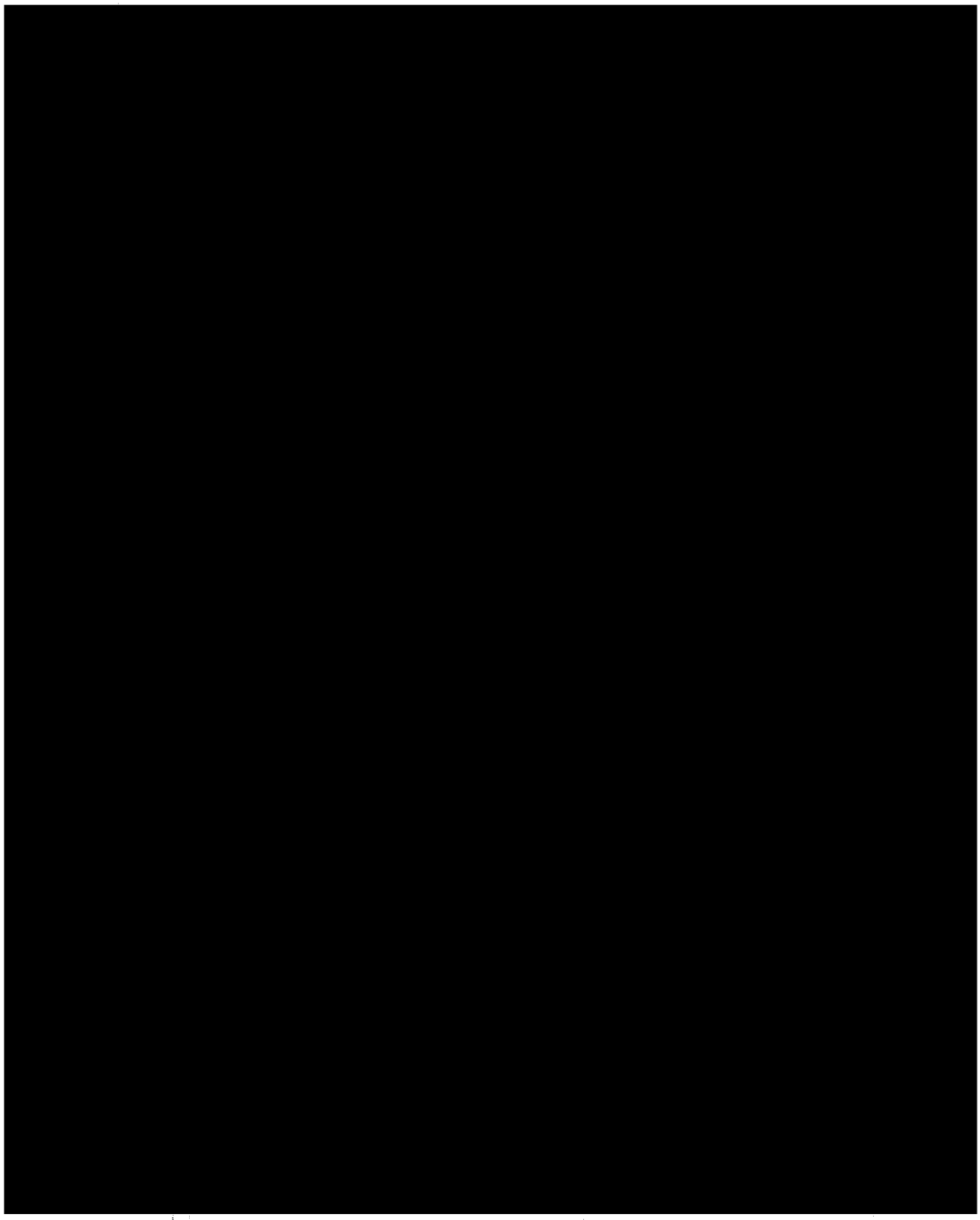

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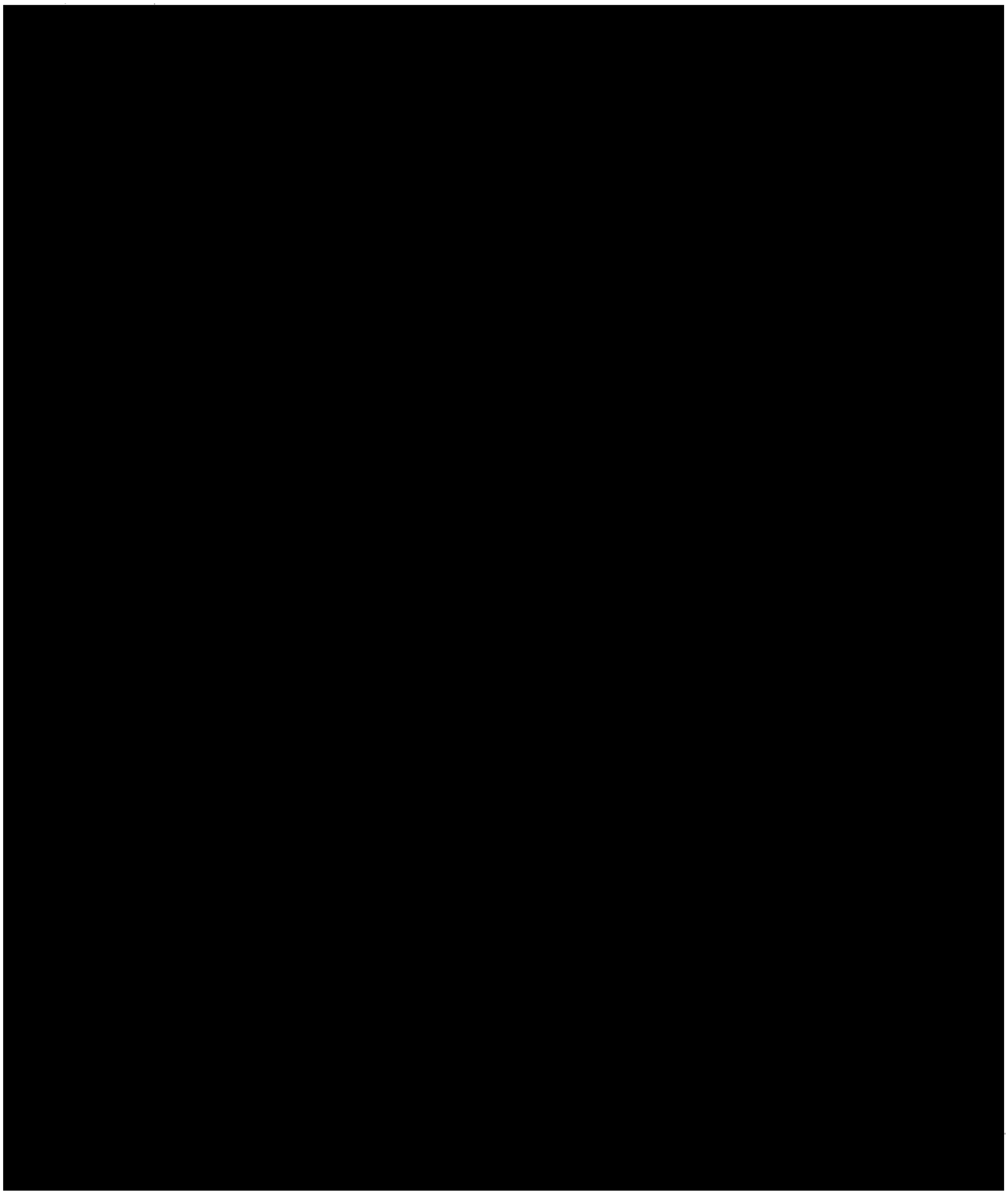

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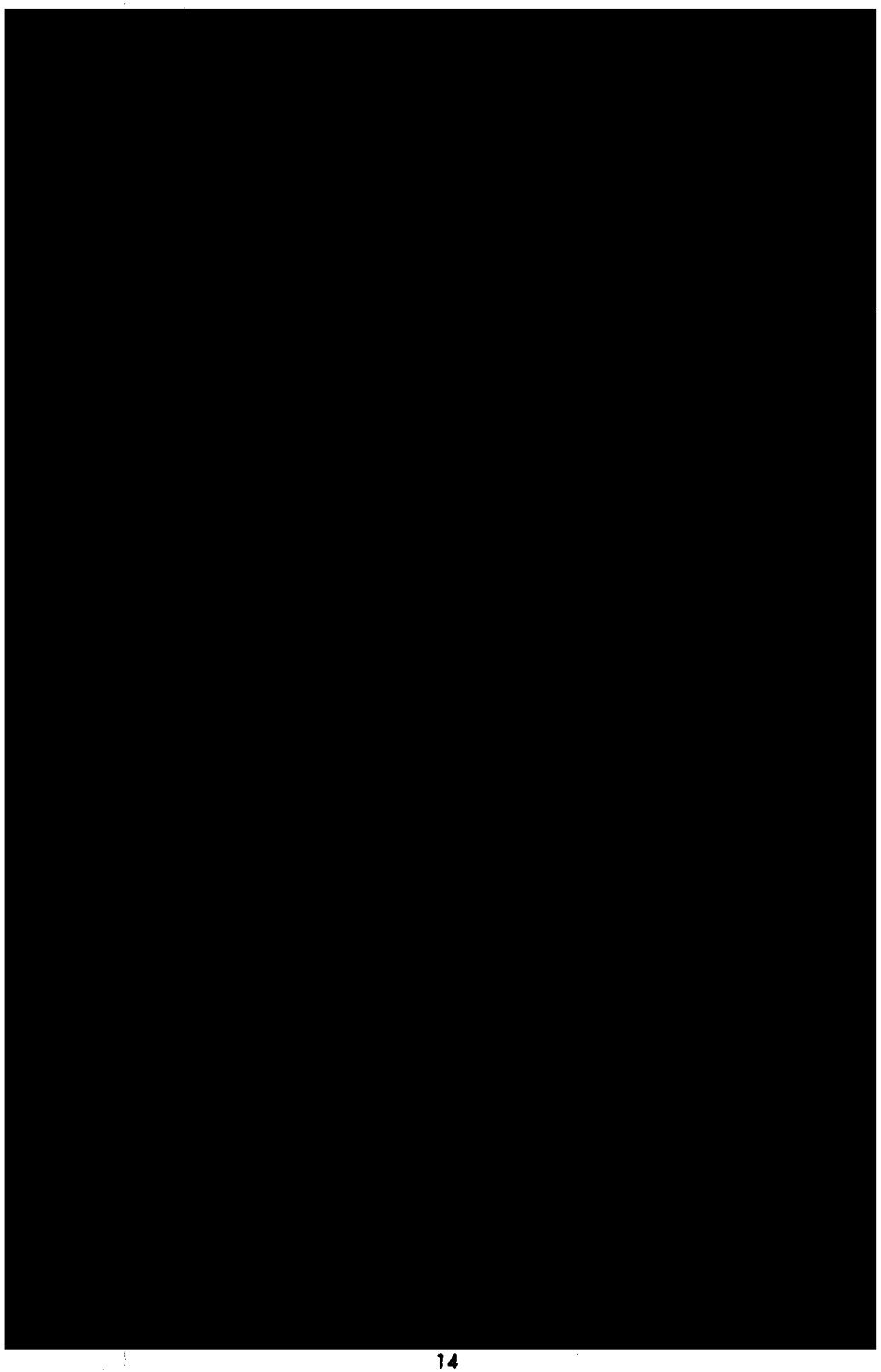

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